

### REMARKS

This application is a continuation of 10/176,520, filed June 20, 2002, which was abandoned by the failure to send a timely reply to an Office Action mailed on July 11, 2003. January 11, 2004 being a Sunday, the present continuation was timely filed on January 12, 2004.

### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant is filing herewith an Information Disclosure Statement for the review and consideration of the Examiner.

Early examination of the claims on their merits is earnestly solicited.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged to Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,



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